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BEIRUT, JULY 9, REUTER - ILICH RAMIREZ SANCHEZ, ALIAS CARLOS MARTINEZ AND DUBBED THE ""JACKAL"" BY THE BRITISH PRESS, IS A MEMBER OF THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP), SOURCES CLOSE TO THE PFLP SAID HERE TODAY.

THE SOURCES SAID THE ARREST OF ONE OF THE MORE RADICAL GUERRILLA GROUPS IN THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT--LED AND ORGANIZED AN INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSIVE NETWORK EXTENDING FROM EUROPE, THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST TO ASIA AND SOUTH AMERICA.

THEY ADDED: "THE JACKAL, AS HE HAS BEEN CALLED, HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR MEMBERS FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME. HE IS NOW HIDING IN PARIS.""

THIS ACCOUNT DIFFERED FROM REPORTS IN LONDON WHICH SAID SANCHEZ WAS IN THE BRITISH CAPITAL WITHOUT FRIENDS, SHORT OF MONEY AND LOOKING FOR HELP.

RAMIREZ IS WANTED BY FRENCH POLICE FOR KILLING TWO FRENCH SECRET SERVICE AGENTS AND A LEBANESE INFORMER, MICHEL MOUKARBEL, IN PARIS 12 DAYS AGO. THE SOURCES SAID MOUKARBEL WAS ALSO A PFLP MEMBER.

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THE SOURCES SAID THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK, LED BY THE PFLP, INCLUDED EUROPEAN GUERRILLA GROUPS SUCH AS THE WEST GERMAN BAADER-MEINHOF GANG, SOUTH AMERICAN GUERRILLAS, AND THE JAPANESE RED ARMY.

THEY DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER DR. GEORGE HABASH, LEADER OF THE PFLP, DIRECTED THE NETWORK"S OPERATIONS.

DR. HABASH, A MAN WHO KEEPS HIS MOVEMENTS A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET, FOUNDED THE PFLP AFTER THE 1967 MIDDLE EAST WAR.

THE GROUP ORGANIZED THE HIJACKS OF FOUR WESTERN AIRLINERS TO A DESERT AIRSTRIP IN JORDAN IN SEPTEMBER 1970. THREE OF THE PLANES WERE BLOWN UP AFTER THE PASSENGERS HAD BEEN EVACUATED AND THE FOURTH WAS LATER DESTROYED IN CAIRO.

THE PFLP ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ""KAMIKAZE"" ATTACK BY THREE JAPANESE GUERRILLAS AT ISRAEL"S LYDDA AIRPORT IN MAY 1972, WHICH LEFT 27 PEOPLE DEAD AND 80 WOUNDED MANY OF THE VICTIMS WERE PUERTO RICAN TOURISTS.

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THE SOURCES SAID THE NETWORK WAS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING ZIONISM AND U.S. ""IMPERIALISM.""

THEY SAID THAT FOUR DAYS BEFORE HE WAS KILLED IN PARIS, MOUKARBEL ARRIVED IN BEIRUT AND WAS IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED BY LEBANESE POLICE AND TAKEN AWAY FOR QUESTIONING.

THE SOURCES ALLEGED THAT MOUKARBEL WAS TORTURED AND THAT A U.S. AGT WAS PRESENT DURING THE INTERROGATION.

THEY SAID MOUKARBEL WAS THEN PUT ON A PLANE TO PARIS, AND THE LEBANESE POLICE SENT A MESSAGE TO THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES INFORMING THEM HE WOULD SHORTLY BE ARRIVING THERE.

THEY SAID THE FRENCH POLICE DELAYED ARRESTING MOUKARBEL FOR ONE DAY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL SO THEY COULD FOLLOW HIM AND TRACE HIS CONTACTS.

DURING THIS TIME, HE INFORMED ""CERTAIN QUARTERS"" IN BEIRUT ABOUT THE LEBANESE OFFICERS WHO HAD QUESTIONED HIM AND ALSO GAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE AMERICAN ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT DURING THE INTERROGATION.